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Response To Restriction Requirement

Remarks:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 5, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect from group a. Fig. 1 – 4 and from group b. species I – “the tubular body (or interconnected members) and the frangible restraining member are made from different materials”. Claims 1-4, 6-15, 30 and 33-45 are readable upon the elected species. In light of the above election claims 5, 16-29, 31 and 32 are withdrawn.

In addition to the above, enclosed for filing with this Response to Restriction Requirement is Applicants' Request to Correct Inventorship along with a Statement of Michael L. Davis, an executed Declaration with attached copies of Assignment documents, and, Consent of Assignee Under 37 CFR Sec. 3.73.

Respectfully submitted,

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